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St. Louis Mo
Feb 1. 40 C. 6

Your very kind & friendly letter of
 28 September last. was taken from
 the Post office in ~~my absence~~ from
 the City, by some member of my family
 & very carelessly & inadvertently care-
 lessly ~~thrown~~ ~~and~~ thrown into
 my desk among some Russell-
 man's papers when it has lain
 unnoticed till this Morn. when
 accidentally discovered to my utter
 Chagrin at the apparent neglect you
 must have conceived me guilty
 of for not answering it promptly
 as you had ^{perhaps} neglected ~~to~~ ~~you~~
 and now may I be assured

that it affords me
great pleasure &
satisfaction to be so cordially & respectfully
by a former friend & companion in the
service of our common country - Indeed

In I ~~feel~~^{am} more than grateful
 for the peculiar circumstances & incidents
 of that occasion. I feel personally
 grateful for the ~~flattering~~ summary &
 pardon of your expressions & the very com-
 mendable & flattering misanth with which
 they are associated. For your worthy
 friends the Drs Combe I entertain the
 highest respect. I have ^{now} in my possession
 an ~~interesting~~ edition of their family &
 respectful congratulations in the voluntary
 tender of ~~the~~^{the} edition of Andrews
~~his~~ works on Scotland. Sent to me from
 Edinburgh by its author on its first publication
 in 1836 or 7. I have not the honor of personal
 acquaintance with either of them, but hope

you will allow me to assimilate those
sentimental & high ^{consequences of them} ~~principles~~ ^{principles} ~~which~~ ^{which} ~~great~~ ^{great} ~~principles~~ ^{principles} ~~worth~~ ^{worth} ~~&~~ [&] ~~purified~~ ^{purified} ~~most~~ ^{most} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~pleasure~~ ^{pleasure} ~~&~~ [&] ~~advantage~~ ^{advantage} of your
happy & fortunate acquaintance with them
while living.

And allow me to request you thus
to express on my behalf, in your next
communication to them, in which
you ~~will~~ ^{may} inform them that I have
not yet started to that. enclosed "however"
I hope I may not for this half century to come, but
but I am "alive & live like to be" I hope, for, half
a century ~~not to do more & greater good to the~~
~~science of animal physiology & by constant & full~~
~~effort to move the unsatisfied consciousness~~
~~& commendation this~~ ^{so} liberally bestowed upon
my too incomplete & imperfect work on the
Physiology of Perception &c. for which nothing
standing, & shall feel very grateful & gratified
by you & to them in particular.

Perhaps it may be gratifying to you all
also to know that it is my intention to renew
my experiments upon the same subject again
in the course of the ensuing year
& am now making my arrangements to
get on "I" if possible with him again for
the purpose - I have deferred it for the
last 10 years, ~~on account of the imprac-~~
~~ticality of instituting & pursuing the investigations~~
~~under proper & advantageous circumstances~~ ^{on each}
of his most tedious & abandoned habits
in Canada & my own ^{arduous} incessant & increasing
professional duties in this community,
not affording me the support time & the
proper opportunities to commence & do
justice to the subject - I hope however
before more living & forget only that
I ~~have not~~ ^{great} ~~greater~~ ^{great} ~~that~~ ^{that} ~~I have~~ ^{I have} ~~greater~~ ^{greater} ~~facilities~~ ^{facilities}
& ~~compelled~~ ^{compelled} ~~abilities~~ ^{abilities} to prosecute the work
as it ought to be done -